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Dear Senator Marleau,

I am writing you in support of the breast density education bill SB879. Ordinarily, I would not think it necessary to have to explain to anyone how incredibly important this bill is but unfortunately the lack of support behind it proves the explanation a necessity.

I have yet to meet someone who has not personally been effected by breast cancer within their own family or through a cherished loved one. I hope that sharing my own personal story with you will encourage you to reconsider SB879 and even possibly inspire you to support it.

During my sophomore year in high school my mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. We had another member of the household also suffering from cancer simultaneously. As you can imagine, I found this devastating. It was even harder to cope with the possibility of losing two people I cared for as I battled raging hormones and faced the typical hardships of my teenage years. Caring for my family members with cancer made it virtually impossible for me to participate in after school activities as well as becoming more involved in my school community.

My mother was the first female in Ingham county to receive radiation therapy. During my last three (crucial) years of my high school, my days were spent going to school, working part time after school until about 5 or 6 pm, and then visiting the hospital and working on homework until visiting hours ended at 9 pm. Then I would go home and start the entire routine all over again the next day. Both of my prom nights were spent in the hospital caring for my loved ones.

I want to emphasize to you how cancer doesn't just affect the patient but how it effects everything around them. I honestly believe that if I'd been blessed with a healthy household during primary school years I could have participated in many more beneficial activities that could have opened many more doors of opportunity. I also know that my focus would have been keener if I hadn't of been experiencing the dilemmas I faced.

I am forever thankful that after I graduated high school my mother did enter remission, unfortunately cancer did take the other person in the household shortly after. Improved medical testing and education provided by this bill could do wonders and save lives along the way. I wish this bill had been around long before my high school years and because of my increased chance of cancer due to genetics I hope it passes soon.

If this bill had been proposed and passed years ago my mother could have possibly caught her cancer sooner. I could have been relieved of so many dark days during my high school years. I could have enjoyed a care-free typical high school career. How wonderful would it be if we could save other young people from the same pain and sorrow?

Please consider this proposal more thoroughly and think of all the good it could do if you would just support it.

Thank you for your time,

Josselin Draper